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SUBJ: DESIGNATION OF TREASURY ATTACHE

REF : A. STATE 061267; B. STATE 29524; C. JIDDA 1895

1. AMBASSADOR WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT DESIGNATED ATTACHE FROM TREASURY LAST YEAR BUT THIS IDEA WAS OPPOSED BY STATE. HAS STATE NOW AGREED TO RAISING ISSUE ANEW WITH QURAISHI? (HE IS LESS LIKELY TO OPPOSE IT THAN WAS ANWAR ALI PARTICULARLY IF HE COULD WORK WITH AMBASSADOR OR ECONOMIC COUNSELOR.)

2. WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO EXCLUDE POSITIVELY THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A TREASURY ATTACHE HERE IF THIS WOULD MEAN NO ADDITIONAL OFFICERS ON THE STAFF, THE FINANCIAL REPORTING PROBLEM TO A LARGE EXTEND HAS BEEN SOLVED. WE HAVE A MOST COMPETENT MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICER, DUANE C. BUTCHER, FOR THIS POSITION. HIS RELATIONS WITH THE SAUDIS ARE EXCELLENT AND WE ARE WONDERING IF TREASURY COULD SUPPLY AN EQUIVALENT OFFICER? WE WOULD LIKE TO DESIGNATE BUTCHER AS "FINANCIAL ATTACHE," AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM RETURN FOR TREASURY TRAINING/EVALUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (REF C).

3. UNLESS STATE HAS REVERSED ITS POLICY ON FINANCIAL
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ATTACHES (REF B), WE SUGGEST THAT STATE REQUEST TREASURY

NOT RPT NOT TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH QURAISHI. IF STATE
AGREES TO A TREASURY ATTACHE WE WILL NOT OPPOSE--ALTHOUGH WE
WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO RAISE THE ISSUE WITH QURAISHI
BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE AND DID NOT RECEIVE WORD (REF A) IN
TIME TO DO SO.
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